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DEDICATION



MISS VIOLA HELTON

We, the senior class of 1950, wish to dedicate this issue of the Parrot yearbook to Miss Viola Helton, freshman-sophomore English teacher. She has willingly helped us in many ways throughout our high school years.

Three

Viola Lorene Helton

PARROT YEARBOOK STAFF



Sitting, left to right—Donna Turner, Marilyn Bachman, Murlene Garber, Vernon Guth, Janice Sullivan.

Standing, left to right—Sue Rohman, Marvin Smith, Bruce Seeber, Eugene Nauman, Ferne Garber.

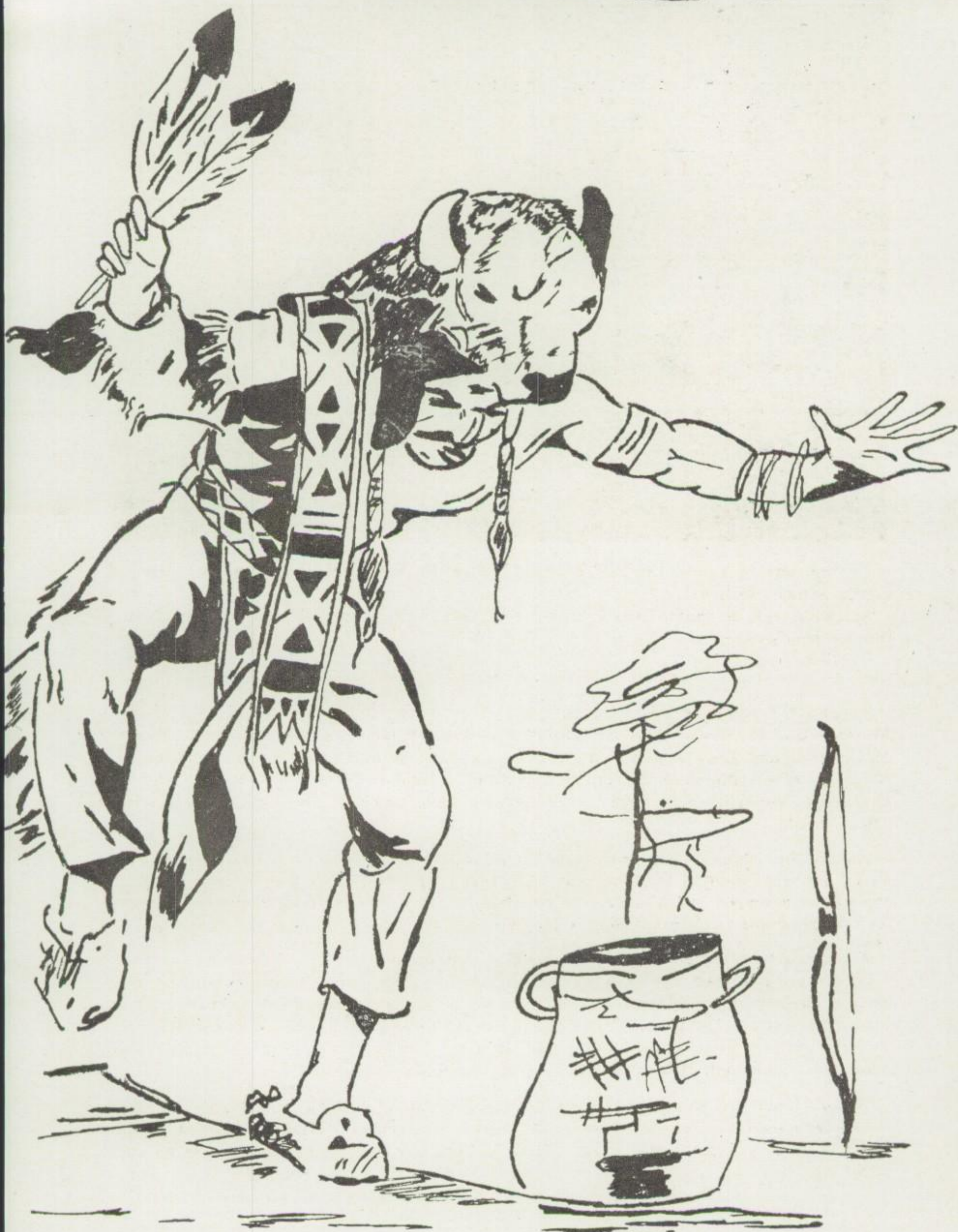
The Parrot yearbook staff for this year was appointed by the adviser, Mr. Hires. Murlene Garber was selected as editor, with Vernon Guth as her assistant. Nancy McDermott and Eugene Nauman, selected as business managers, were in charge of securing advertising and selling subscriptions. Donna Turner, art editor, was in charge of insert pages. Kathryn Leatherman gave much of her time to help with The Parrot.

All of the group pictures and many of the individual pictures were taken by Velde Johnson, manual training teacher. This is the first year The Parrot has had the aid of a teacher with such a helpful hobby. The Parrot staff wishes to express its sincere thanks and appreciation for the fine work Mr. Johnson has done for us.

After the pictures were taken, developed and then printed by Mr. Johnson, The Parrot staff prepared the pictures for engraving. The engraving was done by the Peoria Engraving company. After the engravings were returned, pictures were identified and copy written. Many thanks must also go to the many underclassmen who so cooperatively wrote club and athletic copy for The Parrot. After the book was organized, it was printed at the Metamora Herald.

We also wish to thank Miss Brucker for her splendid work in taking over the yearbook which was started under Mr. Hires' supervision. She has helped us in every way to complete the work. Miss Helton has also helped us whenever she could by checking copy.

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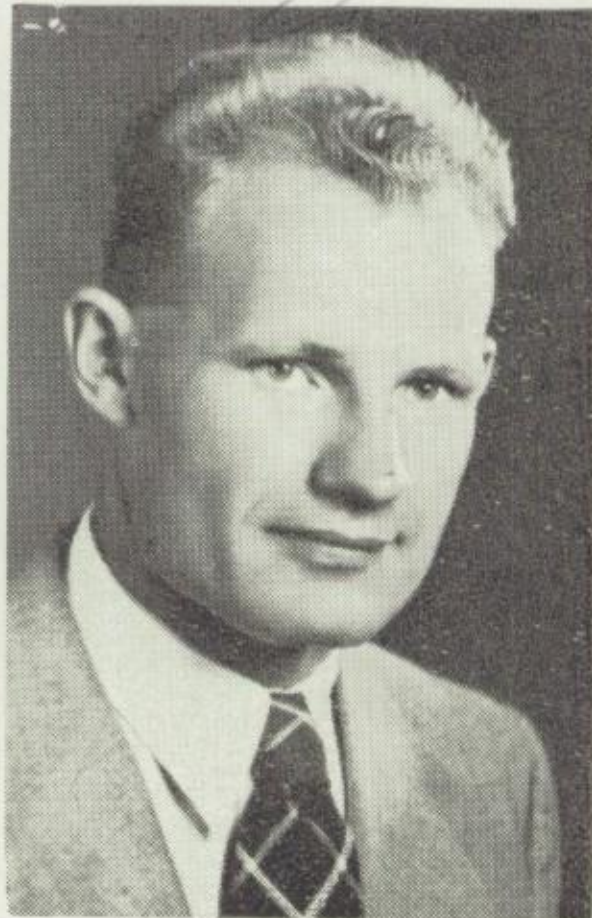


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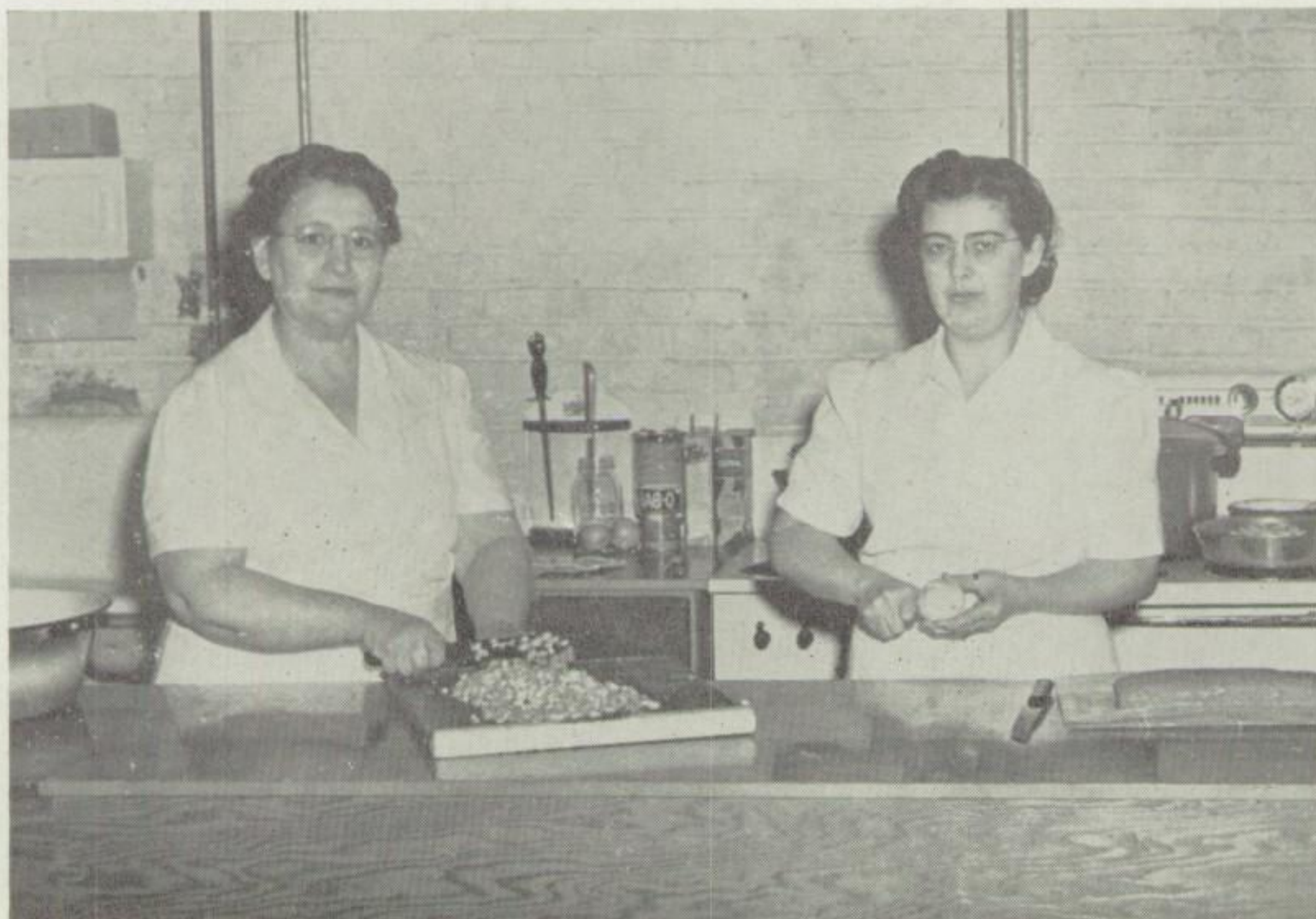
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Joe Krumholz

JANITORS



JOSEPH KRUMHOLZ and BERNARD BURSOTT

Joe Krumholz



CHIEF
FLYING EAGLE

SENIORS

SENIOR CLASS



MARILYN BACHMAN

A friendly pal you won't forget.



NANCY COE

It is no disgrace to be small, but mighty inconvenient.



ARNOLD DANZ

Sober, but not serious.



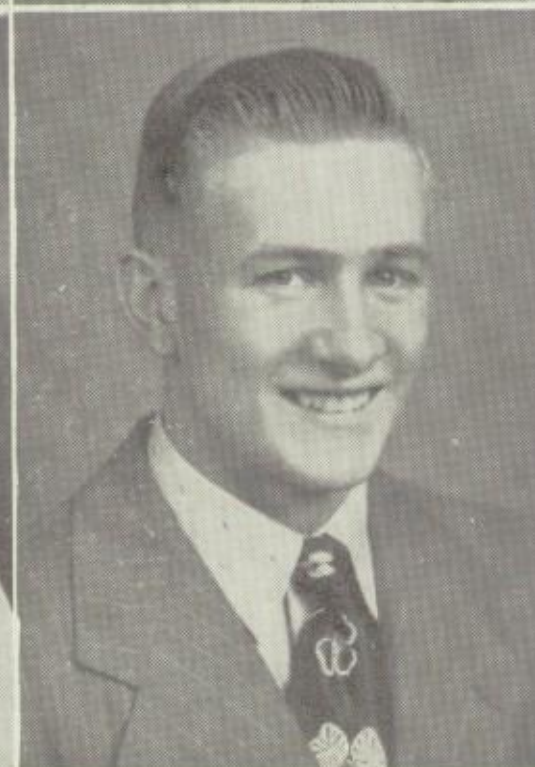
PAUL DU BOIS

I take things as they come—easy.



DORIS ELBERT

Somebody bright, somebody sweet, somebody capable, somebody neat.



FRED FANDEL

Men of few words are the best men.

SENIOR CLASS

ELLEN FRIES

A pleasant smile, a winning way, but never very much to say.

MURLENE GARBER

Her pleasant smile each heart beguiles, thus making friends for miles and miles.



BERNADETTE GIEHL

With a wish to do and a will to try.

MARY GLAUB

In athletics she shines like a star, her prowess is easily seen from afar.



BETTY GRIES

Eyes that twinkle, feet that dance.

VERNON GUTH

He's quiet, but he's right there.



SENIOR CLASS



JEANETTE HAGERMAN

A merry heart that laughs at care.



JAMES HERRON

My idea of an agreeable person is one who agrees with me.



RICHARD HOFFMAN

It's a plague to be a handsome man.



BARBARA KIESEWETTER

We know little of thee, but what we know is good.



KATHRYN LEATHERMAN

Sweet as May and always gay.



RUTH LEATHERMAN

Good nature must be her nickname.

SENIOR CLASS

NANCY MC DERMOTT

If you want a friend, be one.

DOROTHY MARCHAND

Quiet and friendly.



EUGENE MARCHAND

If wise cracks and laughs
were part of the course, I'm
sure I'd be ahead of the rest
of the force.



EUGENE NAUMAN

Never should you let study
interfere with pleasure.

JOHN RAUH

Always ready to help; al-
ways to be depended upon.



SUE ROHMAN

Dark are her eyes as the
night, but her spirit contrasted
is as bright as the sunlight.



SENIOR CLASS



BURTRON SCHERTZ

It takes brains to be a real clown.



ROLAND SCHNEIDER

He speaks an infinite deal of nothing.



BRUCE SEEBER

I hate girls, they irritate me; I love to be irritated.



MARVIN SMITH

Prince of darkness is a gentleman.



JANICE SULLIVAN

Through her position as Parrot editor, she has crowned her high school career.



DONNA TURNER

She makes a business of spreading friendly cheer.

SENIOR CLASS



ROBERT WAGNER

E'en tho' vanquished, he
could argue still.

Class Flower

Red Carnation

Class Colors

Red and White

Class Motto

To build for character, not for fame.

Seventeen

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

It all began on Sept. 3, 1946, our very first day at MTHS. This first year we elected for our officers: Paul DuBois, president; Eugene Marchand, vice president; Rodney Bell, secretary, and Doris Elbert, treasurer. Our student council representatives were Janice Sullivan and James Herron.

On September 27, our class was quite a sight to see—it was initiation day for us. This was the first year Metamora had a Homecoming. As freshmen we elected Doris Elbert as our queen candidate and Richard Hoffman, usher.

Our one class party consisted of a wiener roast and hayrack ride. In the spring of 1947 Miss Helton, our English teacher, took us to Springfield and New Salem on a trip. This ended our first year together at MTHS.

Our sophomore year we chose Marvin Smith to lead the class. Marilyn Bachman and Doris Elbert were chosen vice president and secretary-treasurer, respectively. As sophomores, Murlene Garber and Robert Wagner represented us on the student council. Miss Helton and Mr. Stephenson were our advisers.

The class was very proud of their candidate, Sue Rohman, who was chosen Homecoming queen of 1947.

Our English classes took two trips this year. On March 23 we went to Peoria to see the movie "Henry V," and on April 17 we took a trip to Chicago to visit the Museum of Science and Industry, Adler Planetarium, Museum of Natural History, Tribune Tower and Hull House.

At the first meeting of the third year, we elected Doris Elbert president, Burtron Schertz, vice president, and Bruce Seeber, secretary-treasurer. Student council members were Bernadette Giehl, Marvin Smith and John Rauh. Miss Brucker and Mr. Larson were our advisers.

This was a very busy year for us. On October 1 our class had a hayrack ride to see a movie in Washington. All the juniors learned with happiness on March 15 that our class rings had arrived. In the spring we presented the play, "Uncle Fred Flits By," with Burtron Schertz playing the lead. Our class worked very hard to raise funds by having a turkey raffle, a bake sale, selling at all home football and basketball games and selling personalized stationery, napkins and cards.

On May 14 the annual banquet was held at the YWCA in Peoria. The theme used was "Forty-Niners."

Starting our last year at MTHS we selected Bruce Seeber president, Eugene Nauman, vice president, and Paul DuBois, secretary-treasurer. Marvin Smith, Betty Gries, Marilyn Bachman and Vernon Guth were our student council members. Mr. Dees and Mr. Stephenson were our advisers.

The seniors worked hard to make the Homecoming a success this year. Our queen was Doris Elbert, crowned by Captain Bruce Seeber. The members of her court were Donna Turner, Mary Glaub and Bernadette Giehl.

"Mother Is a Freshman" was a successful play presented by the seniors under the direction of Miss Helton. Betty Gries and Marvin Smith played the leading roles.

On April 29 the juniors gave us a banquet and prom long to be remembered.

Our class decided to present a program for the public by having "Senior night." This event climaxed the all school Honors day program which was held in an assembly. Senior awards and special recognition were given for outstanding achievements.

May 26 was a great day for the seniors—graduation day. Students receiving scholastic honors were Doris Elbert and Betty Gries.

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



Left to right—Paul DuBois, treasurer; Bruce Seeber, president; Eugene Nauman, vice president.

President Bruce Seeber with the help of Eugene Nauman, vice president and Paul DuBois, secretary-treasurer worked hard to make our senior year a successful one. These three, with the other members of the class, helped in the planning and preparation of our class functions.

Throughout the year we were given guidance talks to help prepare us for the future. Talks were given by Professor Hagan of Eureka college, Dean Beard of Brown's Business college in Peoria, Sister Roberta of St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing in Peoria, Ray J. Schertz, president of the Metamora National bank and former principal of MTHS, and Wm. Owen of the Caterpillar Tractor company in Peoria.

The final class activity for the year was a senior cruise on Lake Michigan to Mackinac Island from June 1-4 aboard a D. & C. liner.

SENIOR CLASS PROPHECY

The time is 1950. Upstairs old St. Peter is perched on a pink cloud with his crystal ball. He is gazing into the future of the 1950 senior class of Metamora Township High school.

As the ball clears, he says, "Oh, yes, now I remember. Metamora is the home of the famous Gopher Hole stadium. It looks like they are having one of their Dandelion Bowl games this afternoon.

"Why, there's Eugene, oh pardon me, Professor Marchand watching the game. He is teaching English at MTHS now.

"Let's take a look uptown and see what's new there. Say, Betty Gries must have followed up her dancing career. There she is in Barbara's Cocktail Lounge, 'Come in and Get Your Kisser Wetter.'

"Well, well, it looks like Metamora even has a circus. Let's us see what it is. Oh, yes, Ellen Fries' Flea Circus. I see Vernon Guth is acting as barker for her. Their motto is 'Fries' Fleas, Please.'

"I always knew Donna Turner would develop her artistic ability. Right there she is, designing horse blankets at Ruth Leatherman's Swayback Stables.

"What's this! Does Metamora have an orphanage? Oh, no, it's only Jeanette Hagerman's family. She is happily married to Fred Fandel. She is writing a book about her married life called 'Cheaper by the Two Dozen.'

"Every class has to have its beauty queens. I've already spotted those in the 1950 class. Bernadette Giehl is Miss Fly Paper of 1960 and Nancy McDermott is posing for the Metamora bank calendar at the request of Eugene Nauman, the new bank president. John Rauh is posing for a Man of Distinction, Buttermi k ad. I wouldn't want to forget your important contribution to the world, John.

"Is anybody here looking for a moving van? I see Arnold Danz is in the business. His trucking capacity hasn't increased very much since high school days. His motto is 'If I can't take it in one piece, I'll take it in one hundred.'

"Now here's a friendship that really lasted. Kathryn Leatherman and Murlene Garber are now in business together. They run a secretarial school and their graduates are known as the best 'Sit on the Boss' Lap' secretaries around.

"Just as I thought. There's Doris running her own little nursery with the help of another character. She grows the best little saps around. 'If You're Up the Tree About a Tree, see Doris and Melvin's Nursery.'

"Looks like the rest of the class really went out to see the world. No, it can't be, but it is. Janice Sullivan is over in Europe writing French novels. There's Marvin Smith, a lighthouse keeper at Alcatraz.

Here's two serious minded kids. Bruce Seeber is a missionary at Pago Pago and Sue Rohman is a nun in a convent on top of the Himalayas.

"I often wondered where Roland Schneider would end up, and here he is manufacturing musical bathroom fixtures.

"Say, this is rare. Mary Glaub is substituting for the bull, I mean the bullfighter, at the Metropolitan Opera.

"Have any of you heard the famous new radio and television star, Burtron Danny Kaye Jerry Lewis Schertz? He has five minutes over the radio and a half-second flash on television.

"Jim Herron certainly did all right for himself. He is a famous dress designer. His new burlap and cheese cloth creation is modeled by two of the famous Montgomery Ward models, Nancy Coe and Dorothy Marchand.

"Paul DuBois really made a smash hit on the screen. He is called Durango DuBois. Playing the part of his horse is Dick Hoffman, the horse with the most beautiful eyes in Hollywood.

"Well, I guess the class of 1950 did all right for themselves, so I can put my crystal ball back into moth balls for another year."

SENIOR CLASS WILL

We, the members of the Class of 1950 of Metamora Township High School, City of Metamora, County of Woodford, State of Illinois, being of sound minds and bodies, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking any will or wills heretofore made by us:

Donna Turner wills her red hair to Harold Neumann.
Eugene Marchand wills his wisecracks to Norma Hagaman.
Dorothy Marchand wills her daydreams to James Zimmerman.
Arnold Danz wills his truck to Miss Helton.
Barbara Kiesewetter wills her giggle to Donald Halford.
Fred Fandel wills his blushes to Alice Wernsman.
Jeanette Hagerman wills her Chillicothe letter sweater to Donna Marchand.
Bruce Seeber wills his football apparel to Arthur Kiesewetter.
Doris Elbert wills Melvin back to the Minonk girls.
Eugene Nauman wills Pat Schneider to Durward Guth so that he will have a steady girl friend.
Mary Glaub wills her soprano voice to Samuel Minger.
John Rauh wills his cackle to Mr. Dees.
Sue Rohman wills her cheer leading costume to Donald Zimmerman.
Paul DuBois wills his brilliance to Richard Goldsmith.
Bernadette Giehl wills her driving ability to Robert Chilcot.
Vernon Guth wills his ability to remain calm to Joseph Rohman.
Murlene Garber wills all her past love life to Connie Stamper.
Richard Hoffman wills his technique to James Rohman.
Ellen Fries wills her meekness to Jack Gaetz.
Burtron Schertz wills his briefcase to Clyde Parshall.
Betty Gries wills her dramatic ability to Martha Ringness.
James Herron wills a graduation present like his to every junior.
Nancy McDermott wills her vivacity to Barbara Morgan.
Roland Schneider wills his wavy hair to Marvin Elbert.
Marvin Smith wills his participation in schol activities to James Sluga.
Nancy Coe wills her best girl friend to Robert Rohman.
Janice Sullivan wills her chic look to Joe Steveson.
Kathryn Leatherman wills a sailor's cap to Phyllis Schumacher. She refuses to give up the rest.

The members of the 1949-1950 basketball team will their legs to the girls of Metamora Township High school.

The senior class of 1950 wills its memories to Metamora Township High school. We admit it wasn't an outstanding class, but at least it was different, in the full sense of the word.

In witness whereof, we, the class of 1950, the testator, have set our hand and seal hereto this twenty-ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty.

(SIGNED)

Senior Class of 1950.

SENIOR PLAY CAST



Row one, left to right—Murlene Garber, Janice Sullivan, Betty Gries, Sue Rohman, Roland Schneider.

Row two, left to right—John Rauh, Mary Glaub, Bruce Seeber, Doris Elbert, Kathryn Leatherman.

Row three, left to right—Eugene Nauman, Nancy McDermott, Dorothy Marchand, Nancy Coe, Bernadette Giehl.

Standing, left to right—Marvin Smith, Burtron Schertz.

SENIOR PLAY

"Mother Is a Freshman," by Raphael David Blau was presented by the senior class in the MTHS gym. The three-act comedy, dramatized by Perry Clark was under the direction of Miss Helton.

The action of the play was centered around Mrs. Abigail Fortitude Abbott (Betty Gries), an attractive woman of thirty-five who looked even younger. Because of financial difficulties, Abigail decided to take advantage of a forgotten scholarship offered to anyone with the name Abigail Fortitude. This permitted her daughter Susan (Sue Rohman) to continue at Pointer college.

Abigail entered Pointer college as a freshman. Dean Gillingham (Burtron Schertz), angered at the thought of having an attractive widow as a student, informed Abigail that she had to study zoology intensively.

Susan thought she was in love with the zoology instructor, Professor Michaels (Marvin Smith). Michaels, a good-looking and personable man in his thirties, turned his attention to Susan's mother, Abigail.

The dean's apprehensions came true and campus life was upset. In the dormitory, Mrs. Miller (Kathryn Leatherman), the housemother, had difficulties with her cook (Dorothy Marchand) and the college handy man (John Rauh).

Bobo Jackson (Roland Schneider) and Clara (Janice Sullivan) were Susan's faithful friends.

Abigail attracted the interest of three college men (Bruce Seeber, Paul DuBois and Eugene Nauman). Doris Elbert, Bernadette Giehl, Nancy McDermott, Mary Glaub, Murlene Garber and Nancy Coe had roles as college girls.

Donna Turner was prompter and Richard Hoffman did an excellent job as stage manager. The furniture was donated by Wiedman's store.

JUN-DO-SU



WARRIOR
WAPAWA

JUNIOR CLASS



First row, left to right—Ruth Porch, Connie Stamper, Phyllis Schumacher, Colette Bachman, Pat Koch, Barbara Grebner, Luella Noe, Mary Lou King.

Second row, left to right—Paul Schrock, Milton Wernsman, Milford Broers, Eugene Schlabach, Lewis Martin, Leo Kiesewetter, Richard Goldsmith.

Back row, left to right—Durward Guth, Donald Kennel, Harold Neumann, Eugene Fisher, Eugene Schaefer, Robert Hall, Robert Chilcot, Wilbur Rohman.

JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

The junior class began the year with forty-eight of our original fifty-one members. We chose James Zimmerman for our class president, Robert Rohman, vice president, and Marietta Schneider, secretary-treasurer. Our student council representatives were Colette Bachman, Phyllis Schumacher and Paul Schrock. The advisers were Mr. Hires and Mr. Larson.

In the fall our class had a hayrack ride and theater party. Everyone enjoyed the evening in spite of the rain and mud.

One of the main events of the year was our class play, "The Skin of Our Teeth," by Thornton Wilder.

Our class was well represented in both the state literary and music contests. The speech contestants were Harold Neumann, Connie Stamper and James Zimmerman. Robert Chilcot, Donald Halford and Connie Stamper participated in the one-act play, "Lithuania." At the music contest Mary Lee Noe and Barbara Grebner were soloists.

Another big day was February 28 when our class rings finally arrived.

Everyone enjoyed the excitement of selling at football and basketball games and the track meets. We also held square dances after several of the basketball games.

The annual banquet, given in honor of the seniors, was held on April 29 in the auditorium. We sponsored a spring prom for the public after the banquet, which concluded an eventful year.

JUNIOR CLASS



First row, left to right—Edwin Johnson, Dennis Waldschmidt, Norma Hagaman, Robert Rohman, Alan Welte, Betty Kerker, Ethel Bachman, Amelia Reinmann.

Second row, left to right—Mary Lee Noe, Shirley Lumpp, LaVerne Wolf, Eileen Grebner, Marietta Schneider, Marilyn Leatherman, Frank Kiesewetter, Phillip Fandel.

Back row, left to right—Lois Speck, Alice Seckler, Phyllis Grebner, Jackie Wagner, Clyde Parshall, Donald Halford, Donald Zimmerman, James Zimmerman.

"THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH"



Seated, left to right—LaVerne Wolfe, Ruth Porch, Connie Stamper, Barbara Grebner, Dennis Waldschmidt, Paul Schrock, Ronald Stieglitz, Milford Broers, Eugene Schlabach, James Zimmerman, Shirley Lurpp, Colette Bachman.

First row standing, left to right—Marietta Schneider, Phyllis Schumacher, Eugene Fisher, Donald Halford, Alan Welte, Leo Kieseewetter, Lewis Martin, Frank Kieseewetter, Luella Noe, Mary Lou King, Marilyn Leatherman, Mary Lee Noe.

Back row standing, left to right—Harold Neumann, Clyde Parshall, Durward Guth, Eugene Schaefer.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

On Monday, Nov. 21, the junior class of MTHS presented Thornton Wilder's famous comedy, "The Skin of Our Teeth." In this story of mankind's struggle through the ages, the Antrobus family typifies all of the human race.

This three-act play has its setting in New Jersey; the first and third acts take place at the Antrobus home in Excelsior and the second on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City. The first act takes place during the ice ages when Mr. and Mrs. Antrobus are plagued by cold weather and icebergs. When the Antrobus home is invaded by a band of refugees, Mr. Antrobus decides to "burn everything but Shakespeare" to save the human race.

The second act is in Atlantic City just before the Big Flood. The Antrobus family is vacationing after Mr. Antrobus had been elected to the presidency. This holiday is interrupted by the end of the world.

The third act takes place after the last World war. The play ends on a happy note, with all the Antrobus family together cleaning up the world after the war.

Mr. Wilder wrote the play with intentional mistakes such as scenery moving and characters forgetting their lines. Because of this the stage manager is on stage a great deal of the time helping the characters with their difficulties and explaining things to the audience.

The play was ably directed by Robert Hires and much credit goes to him for making the play such a great success.

THE JOURNAL



SOPHOMORE CLASS



First row, left to right—Hilda Schaidle, June Bachman, Lillian Grebner, Pat Grieser, Pat Sommers, Donna Marchand.

Second row, left to right—Jack Rowe, Richard Etter, Ardith Schertz, Richard Dehority, Merle Kiesewetter, Robert Wernsman.

Back row, left to right—Jack Gaetz, Richard Mishler, James Wiltz, Raymond Brodt, Marvin Ioerger, Edward Kiesewetter, William Zimmerman.

SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

When the doors of MTHS swung open for the 1949-1950 school year, forty-six sophomores entered to enroll.

Our class officers elected for the year were as follows: James Wiltz, president; Willis Bachman, vice president, and William Zimmerman, secretary-treasurer. Representatives to the student council were June Ioerger and James Seckler. Our class advisers were Miss Brucker and Mr. Eigenbrodt.

Freshman initiation day was held September 30. Everyone, including the freshmen had an enjoyable time.

Two of our classmates received second at the district music contest at Canton—Pat Grieser and James Wiltz.

A few of our class members were quite unfortunate this year. They Robert Wernsman, Richard Mishler and Donna Marchand. Robert and Richard were in accidents, and Donna had rheumatic fever.

April 6 we gave an assembly program. This was the first year we had given one. The program included musical numbers, baton twirling, a skit and faculty take-offs. June Bachman was mistress of ceremonies.

We had two class parties this year, a theatre party and a skating party.

We have all enjoyed our sophomore year which has proved to be very successful, and now we are looking forward to next year when we will no longer be classified as lower classmen.

SOPHOMORE CLASS



Front row, left to right—Barbara Koch, Jean Koch, Ada Ulrich, June Ioerger, Doyne Jones, Elaine Abel, Donna Rose Wagner, Martha Kruzan, Ferne Parr.

Second row, left to right—Alice Wernsman, Nancy Smith, Norma Smith, Samuel Minger, David Johnson, Arthur Kiesewetter, Betty Grebner, Barbara Morgan, Barbara Cunningham.

Back row, left to right—Willis Bachman, Bernard Nauman, Leroy Noel, Harvey Martin, Gene Kennedy, James Seckler, Richard Thomas.

SOPHS INITIATE NEWCOMERS



CASEY AT THE BAT

FRESHMAN INITIATION





PLAINS INDIAN
PAPOOSE

PLAINS INDIAN
PAPOOSE

FRESHMAN CLASS



First row, left to right—Julie Engel, Georgia Mae Doak, Sylvia Neumann, Mary Kay Sullivan, Colette Grebner, Virginia Huser.

Second row, left to right—Loren Zimmerman, Joyce Parsons, Betty Schlipf, Rachel Kamm, Shirley Schumacher, Carol Rohman, Marcella Grebner, Martha Ringness, Russell Fandel.

Back row, left to right—Roger Brown, James Steider, Gordon Hall, Christie Barrow, Charles Klein, Richard Bohlander, Jack Hieb.

FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

On September 6, forty-five brave freshmen came to MTHS for their first day of high school.

Later in the month they were initiated by the sophomores. The girls were to be seen running around in their dads' old clothes and boots, while the boys made a ridiculous appearance dressed as girls. Some funny pictures were taken that day!

In September we held our first class meeting. Officers elected at that time were as follows: Sylvia Neumann, president; Pat Schneider, vice president, and Martha Ringness, secretary-treasurer. Student council representatives were Mary Anna Mahoney and James Steider. Miss Helton and Mr. Lewis were our class advisers.

In the fall we had a theatre party. We went to Peoria to see "Father Was a Fullback." Many freshmen attended the party and everyone had a good time.

In April we sponsored a hobby show. Many interesting hobbies, collections and antiques were exhibited.

FRESHMAN CLASS



First row, left to right—Charlene Wagner, Marilyn Michael, Mary Anna Mahoney, Phyllis Speck, Donna DuBois, Bernice Grebner, Sylvia Gilliatt.

Second row, left to right—Peg Schneider, William Marchand, Jerry Broers, James Welte, Dwight Harlow, Anton Engst, Pat Schneider.

Back row, left to right—Donald Fandel, Harlan Whiteside, Robert Marchand, Joseph Rohman, James Sluga, Michael Jaworskyj, Joseph Steveson, Dennis Parr.

AUTOGRAPHS

Pat Sommer
'52

Ruth Porch
'51'

COMMING



Princess
Grey Dove

OUR QUEEN



DORIS ELBERT

THE CORONATION



JERRY STEPHENSON and SHEILA LEWIS

Thirty-Seven

HOMECOMING DANCE



GRAND MARCH



ORGANIZATIONS



Peace Pipe
DRUM

STUDENT COUNCIL



Seated, left to right—Betty Gries, Paul Schrock, Marvin Smith, Marilyn Bachman, Mary Anna Mahoney.

Standing, left to right—Colette Bachman, Phyllis Schumacher, June Ioerger, Vernon Guth, James Steider, James Seckler.

This year's student council has proved itself to be one of the most active and capable councils MTHS has ever had.

This year instead of selling magazine subscriptions to earn money, the student council sold candy and pop at the county basketball tournament.

This year it was again the duty of the student council to keep the hot lunch line in order at noon. The student council made a schedule for recreation at noon. The first activity on the schedule was a basketball tournament. After this they sponsored a volleyball tournament.

Officers elected were: Marvin Smith, president; Paul Schrock, vice president, and Marilyn Bachman, secretary-treasurer. Marvin Smith, Paul Schrock, Phyllis Schumacher and Betty Gries attended the Student Council convention on April 20-21 in Peoria. Mr. Dees accompanied the delegates.

This year's student council was directed by Mr. Dees and Mr. Laitas.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



First row, left to right—Miss Pittman, sponsor; Norma Smith, Eileen Grebner, Kathryn Leatherman, Ferne Garber, Mary Lee Noe, June Ioerger, Pat Grieser, Nancy Smith.

Second row, left to right—Pat Koch, Jackie Wagner, Evelyn Michael, Betty Kerker, Doayne Jones, Barbara Morgan, Barbara Cunningham, Donna Rose Wagner, Charlene Wagner.

Third row, left to right—Barbara Grebner, Donna DuBois, Betty Zoss, Julie Engel, Shirley Schumacher, Sylvia Neumann, Pat Schneider, Georgia Mae Doak, Rachael Kamm.

Fourth row, left to right—Jean Koch, Dorothy Marchand, Barbara Koch, Donna Marchand, Alice Wernsman, Peg Schneider, Mary Anna Mahoney, Shirley Lumpp, Colette Bachman.

Fifth row, left to right—Janice Sullivan, Bernadette Giehl, Connie Stamper, Phyllis Schumacher, Ardith Schertz, June Bachman, Ethel Bachman, Marilyn Leatherman.

Back row, left to right—Betty Gries, LaVerne Wolfe, Jeanette Hagerman, Murlene Garber, Marilyn Bachman, Nancy McDermott, Doris Elbert.

The FHA chapter of MTHS has been very active this year and has accomplished many things.

The chapter has had the privilege of having some of its members speak on the various FHA and FFA radio programs which are given monthly over WMBD in Peoria.

Several rummage sales were held in Peoria from which the chapter profited. One meeting was devoted to packing Christmas gifts for underprivileged children in Europe. Through this project many of the FHA members are now writing to boys and girls in foreign countries.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



Sitting, left to right—Samuel Minger, Robert Rohman, Eugene Nauman, Wilbur Rohman, James Steider, Charles Klein, Christie Barrow, Willis Bachman.

First row standing, left to right—Fred Fandel, Edward Kiesewetter, Eugene Fisher, Alan Welte, Donald Kennel, Gordon Hall, Mr. Lewis, adviser.

Second row standing, left to right—Harold Neumann, James Herron, Marvin Iorger, Paul Schrock, Milford Broers, Donald Zimmerman, Lewis Martin, Richard Bchlander.

The Metamora chapter of the Future Farmers of America elected as its officers for 1949-50 Paul Schrock, president; Donald Zimmerman, vice president; Alan Welte, secretary; James Herron, treasurer; Eugene Fisher, reporter, and Fred Fandel and Lewis Martin, watch dogs.

Robert Rohman, Paul Schrock, Alan Welte, Richard Schrock and Mr. Lewis attended the National FFA convention in Kansas City, Mo. The state convention held in Champaign was attended by Donald Zimmerman, Paul Schrock, Alan Welte, Albert Kamm and Mr. Lewis. Albert Kamm received a State Farmer degree.

Richard Herm of Peoria was the speaker at the FFA Father and Son banquet held at the high school.

Other FFA activities were a shooting match held on the Clarence Iorger farm, a FFA and FHA party with the Eureka chapters and meetings with other chapters.

The FFA also built a fireplace in the grove of trees east of the high school. At a dedication service, the fireplace was presented to the school.

Alan Welte, Willis Bachman and James Steider judged dairy at Washburn in the sectional. James Steider received fifth place.

GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



First row, left to right—Doyne Jones, Charlene Wagner, Donna Rose Wagner, Phyllis Schumacher, Mary Glaub, Mrs. Kearney, Marietta Schneider, Donna Turner, LaVerne Wolfe, Eileen Grebner, Alice Seckler, Barbara Morgan.

Second row, left to right—Norma Smith, Pat Grieser, June Ioerger, Elaine Abel, Alice Wernsman, Betty Grebner, Ferne Parr, Colette Grebner, Mary Kay Sullivan, Martha Ringness, Connie Stamper, Sylvia Gilliatt, Betty Schlipf.

Third row, left to right—Mary Anna Mahoney, Pat Schneider, Sylvia Neumann, Peg Schneider, Julie Engel, Lois Speck, Phyllis Speck, Docris Elbert, Bernadette Giehl, Nancy McDermott, Sue Rohman, Ethel Bachman.

Fourth row, left to right—Virginia Huser, Marcella Grebner, Bernice Grebner, Mary Lee Noe, Colette Bachman, Shirley Lumpp, Evelyn Michael, Janice Sullivan, Betty Gries, Ardith Schertz, June Bachman, Marilyn Leatherman.

Back row, left to right—Rachel Kamm, Shirley Schumacher, Georgia Mae Doak, Nancy Smith, Barbara Cunningham, Pat Scmmers, Lillian Grebner, Donna Marchand, Marilyn Michael, Carol Rohman, Betty Zoss, Donna DuBois.

The social affiliate of girls' physical education is the Girls' Athletic association. It has 63 members. The yearly program has consisted of meetings, parties, play days, tournaments and a demonstration.

The first event of the fall program was a party given for the new members to acquaint them with the work of the organization.

Tournaments have been held in volleyball and basketball in intramural girls' and coeducational games. The basketball tournament was climaxed by the IHSA girls' telegraphic basketball shooting tournament. The award we received was second place in our district. The state contains thirteen districts.

Play days were held at Eureka and Washington. Girls from our school attended.

The final event of the year was the GAA Revue given in May. It was presented to make money to send a GAA girl to camp. A camp theme was used for the program. It depicted a day at camp.

The officers for this year were: Mary Glaub, president; Marietta Schneider, vice president; Phyllis Schumacher, secretary; Donna Turner, treasurer, and Pat Grieser, reporter. Mrs. Kearney was our adviser.

"M" CLUB



First row, left to right—Robert Chilcot, James Zimmerman, Harold Neumann, Eugene Schaefer, Vernon Guth, Paul DuBois, Paul Schrock, James Wiltz, Richard Dehority, Donald Zimmerman.

Second row, left to right—Clyde Parshall, Jack Gaetz, Richard Thomas, Richard Mishler, Durward Guth, Wilbur Rohman, Eugene Fisher, Roland Schneider, Willis Bachman.

Third row, left to right—Robert Rohman, Milton Wernsman, Marvin Elbert, Alan Welte, Joseph Steveson, Eugene Schlabach, Phillip Fandel, Eugene Nauman.

Back row, left to right—Marvin Smith, Richard Hoffman, Robert Wagner, Coach Roy Larson, Coach Walter Laitas.

The "M" club is only three years old, but it is already gaining school recognition. Membership is restricted to boys winning athletic "M" awards. Our sponsors are Mr. Laitas and Mr. Larson.

Initiation of new members was our first event of the new school year. Officers elected for the year were: Marvin Smith, president; Richard Hoffman, vice president, and Robert Wagner, secretary-treasurer.

The "M" club sponsored Skru-ball hockey and basketball games this spring. A full house enjoyed thrills, spills and chills throughout these two contests.

We plan, in the near future, to build a new trophy case, as the one in use at present is filled.

CHEMPHIBIO CLUB



First row, left to right—Joseph Steveson, James Welte, Dwight Harlow, Joyce Parsons, Barbara Grebner.

Second row, left to right—Robert Chilcot, Loren Zimmerman, Donald Halford, Samuel Minger, Lewis Martin, James Zimmerman, Joseph Rohman.

Back row, left to right—Burtron Schertz, Eugene Schaefer, Dennis Parr, Raymond Brodt, James Wiltz, Richard Etter.

The Chemphibio club this year was divided into three groups: Photography, radio and bacteriology. Regular meetings were held every other Friday in the biology room and the laboratory and members were free to use the darkroom and laboratory at any time for their individual work.

In addition to developing and printing pictures, the photography department exchanged information concerning all aspects of photography.

The radio department began work by erecting a permanent antenna. Following projects were the building of a crystal set and a one-tube shortwave receiver, repairing of defective radios and converting personal radio sets to headphone operation.

The members in the bacteriology section began actual work under the direction of Mr. Eigenbrodt. They learned the principles and techniques involved and soon put them into practice. This is the youngest department in the club.

On December 14 Mr. Eigenbrodt and ten members of the club went to Chicago for a conducted tour through the Museum of Natural History, a visit to the Aquarium and a striking explanation for the Star of Bethlehem at the Adler Planetarium. The climax of the year's activity was the field trip in May, when we visited the Northwestern Research laboratory.

The officers for the year were: Donald Halford, president; James Zimmerman, vice president; Eugene Schaefer, secretary-treasurer. Section leaders were: Photography, Robert Chilcot; radio, Donald Halford; bacteriology, James Zimmerman. Advisers were Mr. Eigenbrodt, who worked with the bacteriology section, and Mr. Johnson, who instructed the photography.

GIRLS' CHORUS



First row, left to right—Kathryn Leatherman, Mary Glaub, Pat Grieser, Barbara Grebner, Colette Bachman, Martha Ringness, Mary Anna Mahoney, Rachel Kamm, Marilyn Michael, Carol Rohman, Julie Engel, Shirley Schumacher, Barbara Cunningham, Mary Kay Sullivan, Betty Schlipf, Fred Stephenson, director.

Second row, left to right—Barbara Morgan, Jeanette Hagerman, Murlene Garber, Ferne Garber, Shirley Lumpp, Nancy Smith, Norma Smith, Virginia Huser, Betty Zoss, Luella Noe, Amelia Reinmann, Ardith Schertz, Charlene Wagner, Pat Schneider, Ethel Bachman.

Third row, left to right—June Bachman, Alice Wernsman, Janice Sullivan, Phyllis Schumacher, Bernice Grebner, Jean Koch, Barbara Koch, Hilda Schaidle, Ferne Parr, JoAnn Welte, Barbara Kiesewetter, LaVerne Wolf, Eileen Grebner, Marilyn Leatherman, Mary Lee Noe, Betty Grebner.

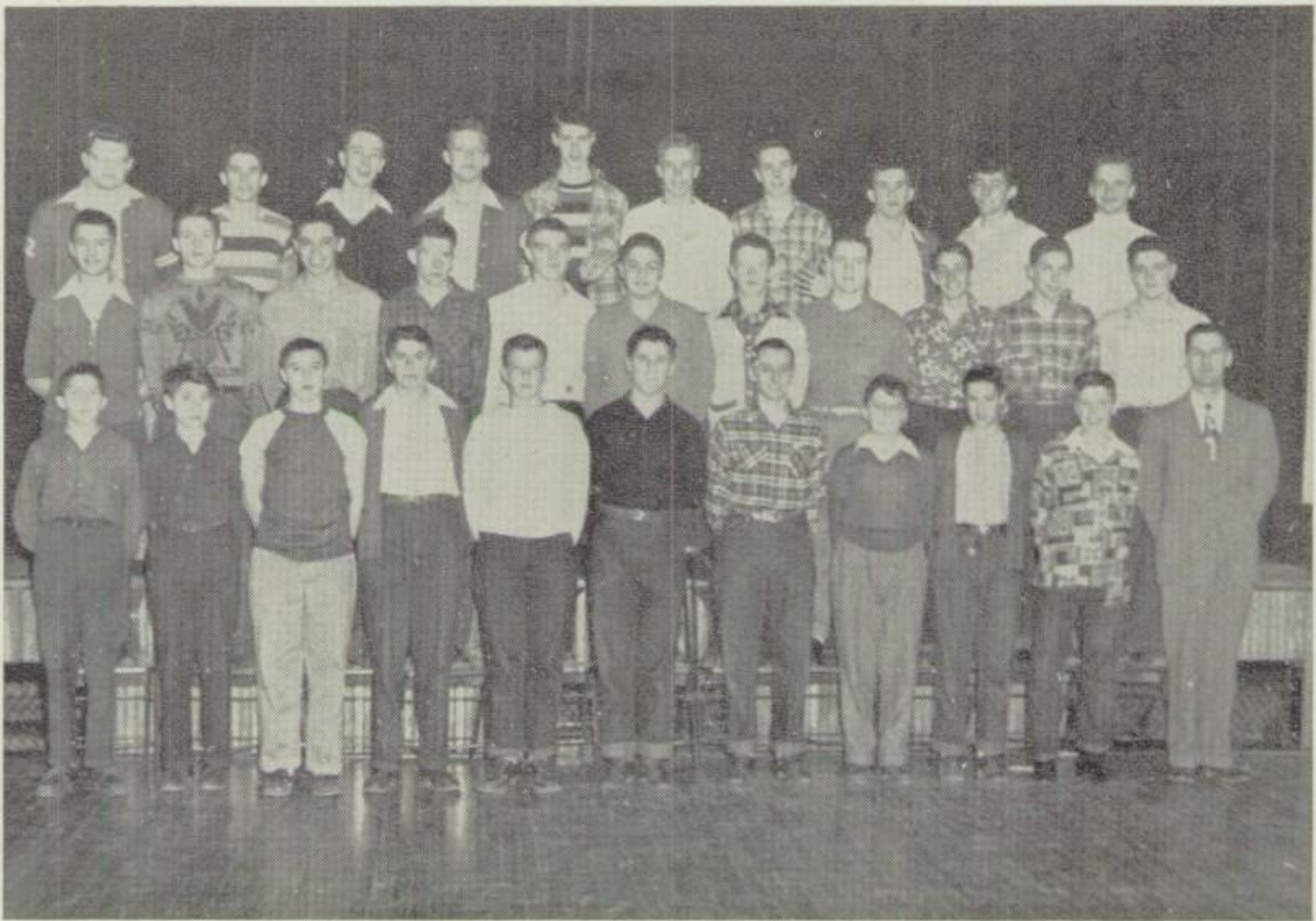
Back row, left to right—Doyne Jones, Lois Speck, Donna Rose Wagner, Bernadette Giehl, Connie Stamper, Betty Gries, Phyllis Speck, Sylvia Gilliatt, Martha Kruzan, Colette Grebner, Peg Schneider, Jackie Wagner, Betty Kerker, Sylvia Neumann, Doris Elbert, Nancy McDermott, June Ioerger, Elaine Abel.

Once again the enrollment in the girls' chorus set a new record. Rehearsals were held every Monday with Mr. Stephenson as the director. The main purpose of this organization is to prepare and train voices for the a cappella choir.

Officers for this year were: Marilyn Bachman, president; Mary Lee Noe, vice president, and Mary Anna Mahoney, secretary.

The chorus took part in the operetta, "Up in the Air" and the Christmas Vespers during the first semester. Later in the school year, along with the boys' chorus and a cappella choir, it sponsored a piano concert by Frederic Sjobiarn. In April it took part in the Woodford County Chorus Festival at Minonk.

BOYS' CHORUS



First row, left to right—Loren Zimmerman, James Welte, Joseph Rohman, John Rauh, James Steider, Harvey Martin, Lewis Martin, Samuel Minger, Russell Fandel, Mr. Stephenson, director.

Second row, left to right—Michael Jaworskyj, James Zimmerman, Donald Halford, Alan Welte, Donald Zimmerman, Paul DuBois, Robert Wagner, Milton Wernsman, Paul Schrock, Merle Kiesewetter, William Zimmerman.

Third row, left to right—Marvin Elbert, Marvin Smith, Burtron Schertz, Bruce Seeber, Eugene Schaefer, Harold Neumann, James Wiltz, Jack Gaetz, Wilbur Rohman, Eugene Schlabach.

The boys' chorus, whose membership is open to all of the boys in school, had thirty members this year. Enrollment in boys' chorus was one of the largest in recent years.

Our first major activity was the operetta in which all of the chorus members participated. At the Woodford County Band Festival this year the boys' chorus presented a special number for our school. They sang "Kentucky Babe."

Together with the girls' chorus, the group went to the Woodford County Chorus Festival at Minonk in April. Rehearsal was held in the afternoon with E. Carl Lundgren of Illinois Wesleyan university, junior college of music at Springfield as conductor. In the evening a program open to the public was given.

Officers elected for the year were James Wiltz president and Harold Neumann secretary. Rehearsals were held one day a week.

A CAPPELLA CHOIR



First row, left to right—Phyllis Schumacher, Connie Stamper, Kathryn Leatherman, Nancy Smith, Norma Smith, Martha Ringness, Mary Glaub, June Ioerger, Sylvia Neumann, Georgia Mae Doak, Shirley Schumacher.

Second row, left to right—Betty Gries, June Bachman, Willis Bachman, Loren Zimmerman, Samuel Minger, James Steider, John Rauh, Paul Schrock, Marvin Smith, Ethel Bachman, Ardith Schertz.

Third row, left to right—Colette Bachman, Mary Anna Mahoney, Shirley Lump, Joseph Rohman, Lewis Martin, Marvin Elbert, Harold Neumann, James Zimmerman, Paul DuBois, Michael Jaworskjy, Marilyn Leatherman, Mary Lee Noe.

Back row, left to right—Janice Sullivan, Jeanette Hagerman, Pat Grieser, Bernadette Giehl, Eugene Schlabach, James Wiltz, Eugene Schaefer, Burtron Schertz, Donald Zimmerman, Doris Elbert, Marietta Schneider, Elaine Abel.

The a cappella choir is a selected group of fifty members from both girls' and boys' choruses chosen by our director, Mr. Stephenson.

Our schedule for this year was not a heavy one, but we did participate in several activities. At Christmas time we gave a program for the public with the help of the girls' chorus.

In April we went to Minonk to take part in the annual county chorus festival. In the fall we gave the operetta, "Up in the Air," in which the other choruses took part.

BAND



ON THE FIELD



IN THE GYM

Forty-Nine

BAND

The band activities began for the 1949-50 school year at MTHS by electing officers. We elected Harold Neumann president, Eugene Schlabach, secretary, and James Zimmerman, Burtron Schertz and Marietta Schneider, board members.

One of the first activities was marching at the Washburn Festival. Another event was the Eureka Pumpkin Festival in which our band participated as part of the massed band.

Home activities began by playing between the halves of football games. When basketball games started, a pep band was organized. We played for many of the home games, the Woodford county basketball tournament and Dick Broers night.

Band ensembles were also organized this year. The ensembles were flutes and oboe, saxophone quartette, clarinet trio, brass sextette and trombone quartette.

The annual Woodford County Band Festival was held in Metamora in March. An evening concert was held in the gym.

One of the last activities for the year was playing for graduation. Many of the band members from MTHS will play in the town band this summer.

“UP IN THE AIR”



Seated, left to right—Norma Smith, Betty Gries, Nancy Smith.

Standing, left to right—Marvin Elbert, Burtron Schertz, Janice Sullivan, Marietta Schneider, James Wiltz, Connie Stamper, James Zimmerman, Harold Neumann, Marvin Elbert.

A capacity crowd was present at the high school gymnasium October 26 to enjoy the operetta, “Up in the Air,” a comedy by Geoffrey Morgan and Don C. Wilson. Mr. Stephenson was the director.

George Burbank (Marvin Elbert) is a big businessman who tolerates no one but a young man of brawn and daring as a candidate for the hand of his daughter, Betty (Betty Gries). Betty is already wooed by Harold Post (Jim Zimmerman) much to Mr. Burbank’s annoyance, because Harold is a young man of just the opposite type that Burbank admires. Burbank’s friend, McCullom (Burtron Schertz), a movie magnate, proposes to stage a spectacular flying stunt by a young aviator, Joe Bennett (James Wiltz), who has applied for a job in the movies, and offers a prize to any amateur who will make a parachute jump. Jim Carter (Harold Neumann), Harold Post’s busybody friend, seizes on this as the young man’s opportunity to make good, and devises various alibis which will prevent his actually going up, while still gaining credit for bravery. One by one these alibis fail and Harold gets more and more deeply involved. Finally, he is forced to go through with it in spite of himself, and by a comic fluke manages to maintain his reputation as a dare-devil, to gain the enthusiastic approval of Burbank and to win the girl of his choice.

Other members of the cast included: Connie Stamper as Shirley Kingston, Nancy Smith as Annie McCullom, Norma Smith as Fannie McCullom, Marietta Schneider as Mrs. McCullom, Janice Sullivan as Mrs. Burbank and Marvin Smith as Juniper Johnson. The students in both girls’ glee club and boys’ glee club made up the chorus.

The operetta was given in two acts. During the intermission there was a special dedication ceremony of our new stage curtains given to the school by our alumni classes of 1945, ’46, ’47 and ’48.

PARROT STAFF



Seated, left to right—Burtron Schertz, Betty Gries, Janice Sullivan, Marvin Smith, Doris Elbert.

Standing, left to right—Ferne Garber, Kathryn Leatherman.

THE PARROT

This year The Parrot, our school newspaper, had as co editors Janice Sullivan and Betty Gries. Others on the staff were: Doris Elbert and Burtron Schertz, associate editors; Kathryn Leatherman and Marvin Smith, business managers, and Ferne Garber and Bernadette Giehl, exchange editors.

Most of the members of the senior class are appointed to some job on the staff. However, this year we were fortunate enough to have some juniors help us with the paper. James Zimmerman was a sports editor, Donald Halford and Marietta Schneider were associate editors and Connie Stamper wrote feature articles. The co-editors want to thank these people for their cooperation and their willingness to work to make The Parrot a success.

Published monthly, the printed paper consists of six pages and is made up of news around school. However, there are essays, poems, two editorials, letters to the editors, an athletic page and other feature articles.

For the future it is planned that each class will have members represented on the newspaper staff. The Parrot was originally a senior publication, but underclassmen should gain experience so that when they become seniors they will be competent to fill major positions.

The Parrot has an exchange list of forty schools, and quite a number of students and townspeople are subscribers. We have continued as a member of the Illinois State High School Press association.

Robert Hires was the adviser for The Parrot.

LIBRARIANS



First row, left to right—Leroy Noel, Colette Bachman, Doris Elbert, Connie Stamper, Phyllis Schumacher, Janice Sullivan, Marietta Schneider, Donna Rose Wagner, Pat Grieser, Miss Helton, librarian.

Second row, left to right—Arthur Kiesewetter, Barbara Grebner, Murlene Garber, LaVne Wolfe, June Bachman, Alice Wernsman, Barbara Koch, Pat Koch, Gene Kennedy.

Back row, left to right—Donald Halford, Donald Kennel, Richard Mishler, Raymond Brodt, Eugene Schaefer, Harold Neumann, James Zimmerman, William Zimmerman, Alan Welte.

LIBRARY

The main library contains most of our books, but the reserve library in the study hall contains newspapers, magazines and reference materials.

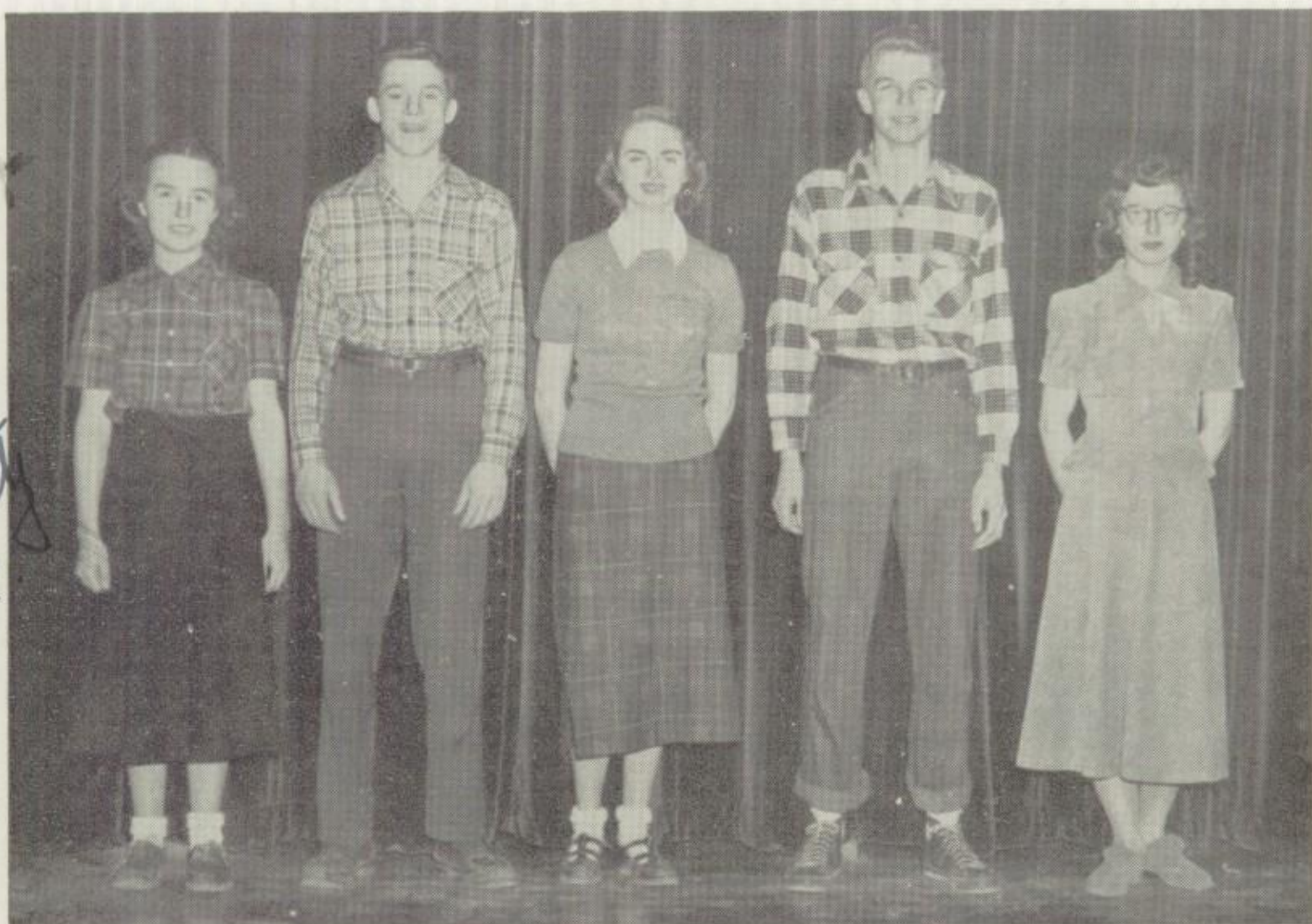
This year the library added a new system of stacking magazines. The card file was completed. Eighty-three new books were purchased.

On Honors day, awards were presented in recognition of students' services to the library. Silver medals were given to Barbara Grebner, Donald Kennel, Pat Koch, Alan Welte, LaVerne Wolfe and Doris Elbert. Gold awards were presented to Colette Bachman, Phyllis Grebner, Donald Halford, Harold Neumann, Marietta Schneider, Phyllis Schumacher, Connie Stamper, James Zimmerman and Bruce Seeber. The gold award with the year guard for outstanding service was presented to Murlene Garber.

In order to be eligible for any award a student must be of junior or senior standing and have at least one year of library work. Librarians are selected on the basis of scholastic eligibility, integrity, desire to work with books and to be of service to the school.

Miss Helton is in charge of the library and has twenty-six student librarians.

SPEECH CONTESTANTS



Left to right—Martha Ringness, James Zimmerman, Connie Stamper, Harold Neumann, Betty Gries.

STATE SPEECH CONTEST

Metamora won first place in class B schools in the district speech contest held at Peoria Woodruff High on February 25.

James Zimmerman, entered for the second year in oratorical declamation, gave "What Kind of Government Ahead?" by Dwight D. Eisenhower. He placed second in class B.

In her second year for verse speaking Connie Stamper placed first in class B. She was required to give three poems.

Martha Ringness gave "Joan of Lorraine," by Maxwell Anderson and placed fourth in serious reading in class B.

Another first year contestant was Harold Neumann, who entered extemporaneous speaking and placed first in class B.

Burtron Schertz placed first in class B in original oration, "Murder at Will." His was a very difficult field. This was his first try, too, and it is regretful that Burtron is a senior.

For the fourth year Betty Gries placed first in her class and second in the entire field. She gave the comedy reading "The Man Who Came to Dinner," by George F. Kauffman and Moss Hart. This was Betty's first year in comedy, for in her previous years she did serious readings.

All of the contestants and the faculty members, Miss Helton and Mr. Hires, are to be commended for their efforts and the recognition they have brought to our school.

"LITHUANIA"



Seated, left to right—Barbara Koch, Robert Chilcot, Donald Halford, Connie Stamper.

Standing, left to right—Marvin Elbert, Bruce Seeber, James Steider.

For the first time in several years the MTHS dramatic department entered a one-act play in the Woodford County Dramatic Festival and the high school district speech contest.

The play was "Lithuania," by Rupert Brooks. It is the story of a poverty stricken family in Lithuania who in their haste for a better life unknowingly kill their own long lost son.

Although it was only a one-act play, it contained all the excitement and action of a three-act play. The cast was an excellent one in which all four classes were represented. It was well directed by Mr. Hires.

The play was first presented at the County Dramatic Festival in February at El Paso, again at the district speech contest in Peoria and the last time for an MTHS program in which all speech contestants appeared.

The cast included Robert Chilcot as the father; Barbara Koch, mother; Connie Stamper, daughter; Donald Halford, stranger; Bruce Seeber, young man; Marvin Elbert, vodka shopkeeper, and James Steider, vodka shopkeeper's son.

BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS



Left to right—NORMA SMITH, COLETTE BACHMAN, CHARLENE WAGNER, SUE ROHMAN.

FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS



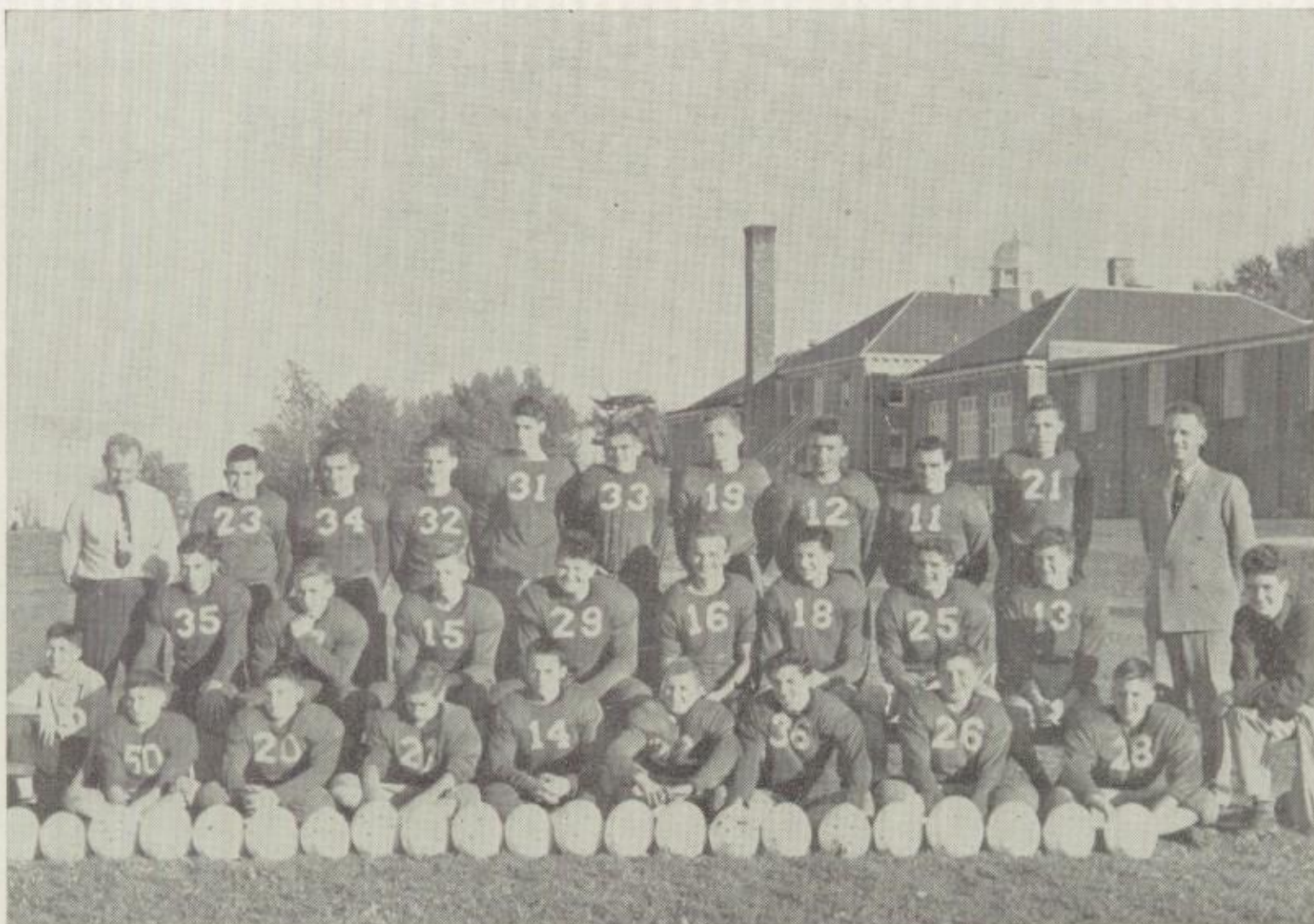
Left to right—MILFORD BROERS, HAROLD NEUMANN, JAMES WILTZ, PAUL SCHROCK.

WAR



BOW + ARROWS
WAR SHIELD
TOMAHAWK

FOOTBALL SQUAD



First row, left to right—Loren Zimmerman, James Welte, Jerry Broers, Richard Dehority, Richard Thomas, Kenneth Fauber, Richard Etter, Anton Engst, James Steider, Clyde Parshall.

Seated, left to right—Marvin Ioerger, Joseph Steveson, Richard Mishler, Marvin Elbert, Eugene Schlabach, Michael Jaworskyj, Marvin Smith, Robert Wagner.

Standing, left to right—Coach Walter Laitas, Jack Gaetz, Donald Zimmerman, Robert Chilcot, Eugene Schaefer, Eugene Nauman, Bruce Seeber, Vernon Guth, Richard Hoffman, Raymond Brodt, Assistant Coach Roy Larsen.

FOOTBALL

The 1949 season was a rebuilding period for the Redbirds, winning two and tying one out of nine games. This year's schedule consisted of Morton, Eureka, Chillicothe, El Paso, Minonk, Dunlap, Tremont, Gridley and Washington, who defeated us in the homecoming game.

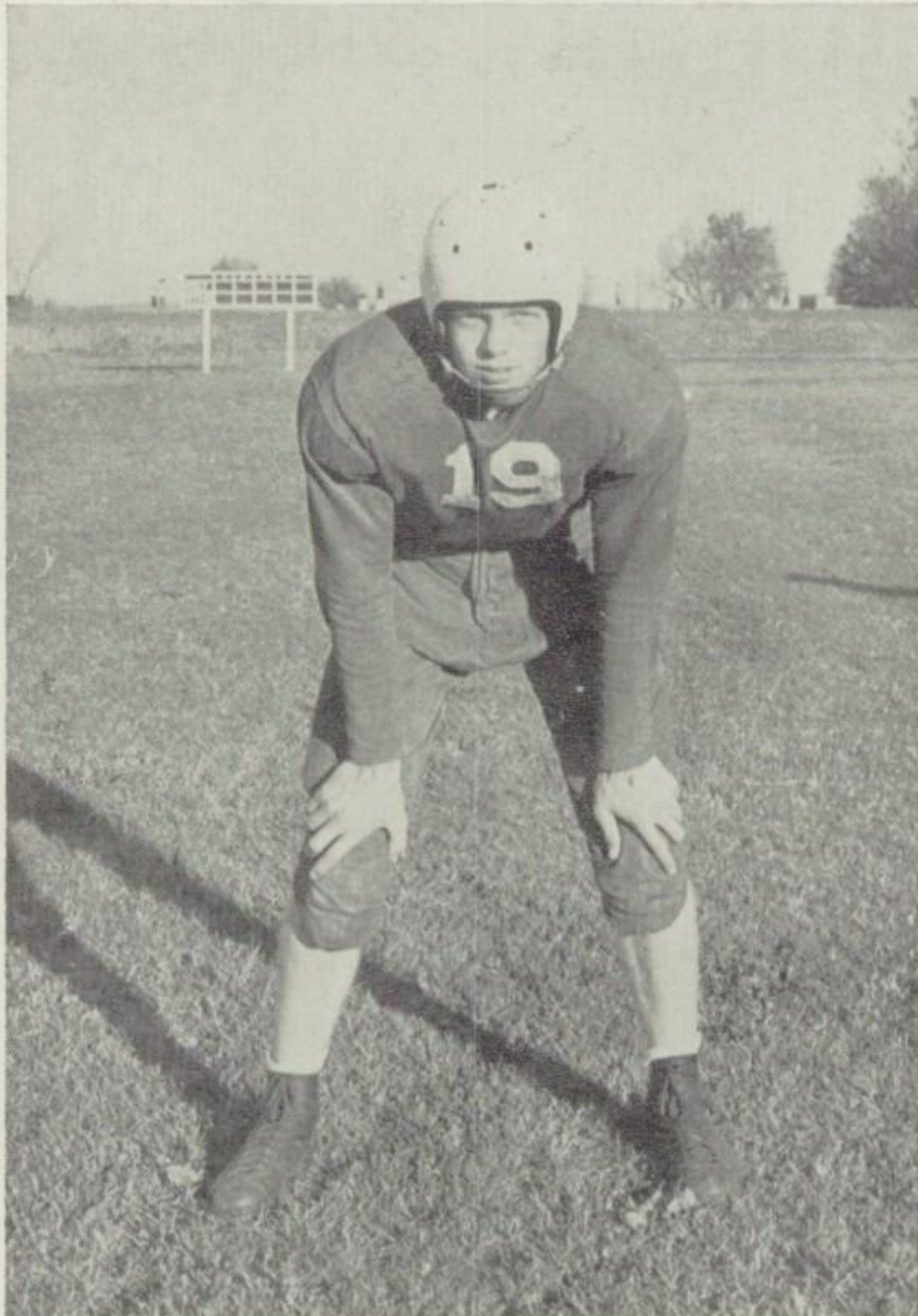
Having a hard time finding backfield men, Coach Walter Laitas brought forth hard driving backs such as Bruce Seeber, Vernon Guth and Eugene Schlabach. In many games most of the men had to play the entire game without rest because of the lack of substitutes.

Clyde Parshall and Loren Zimmerman were the managers for the football team.

Next year, with men like Marvin Elbert and Eugene Schlabach, we hope to have a very good team. Graduating from this year's squad are: Bruce Seeber, Vernon Guth, Richard Hoffman, Marvin Smith, Roland Schneider and Eugene Nauman, a transfer playing his first year of football.

The graduating players hope that in future years more interest will be shown in this sport.

CAPTAIN SEEBER



BRUCE SEEBER

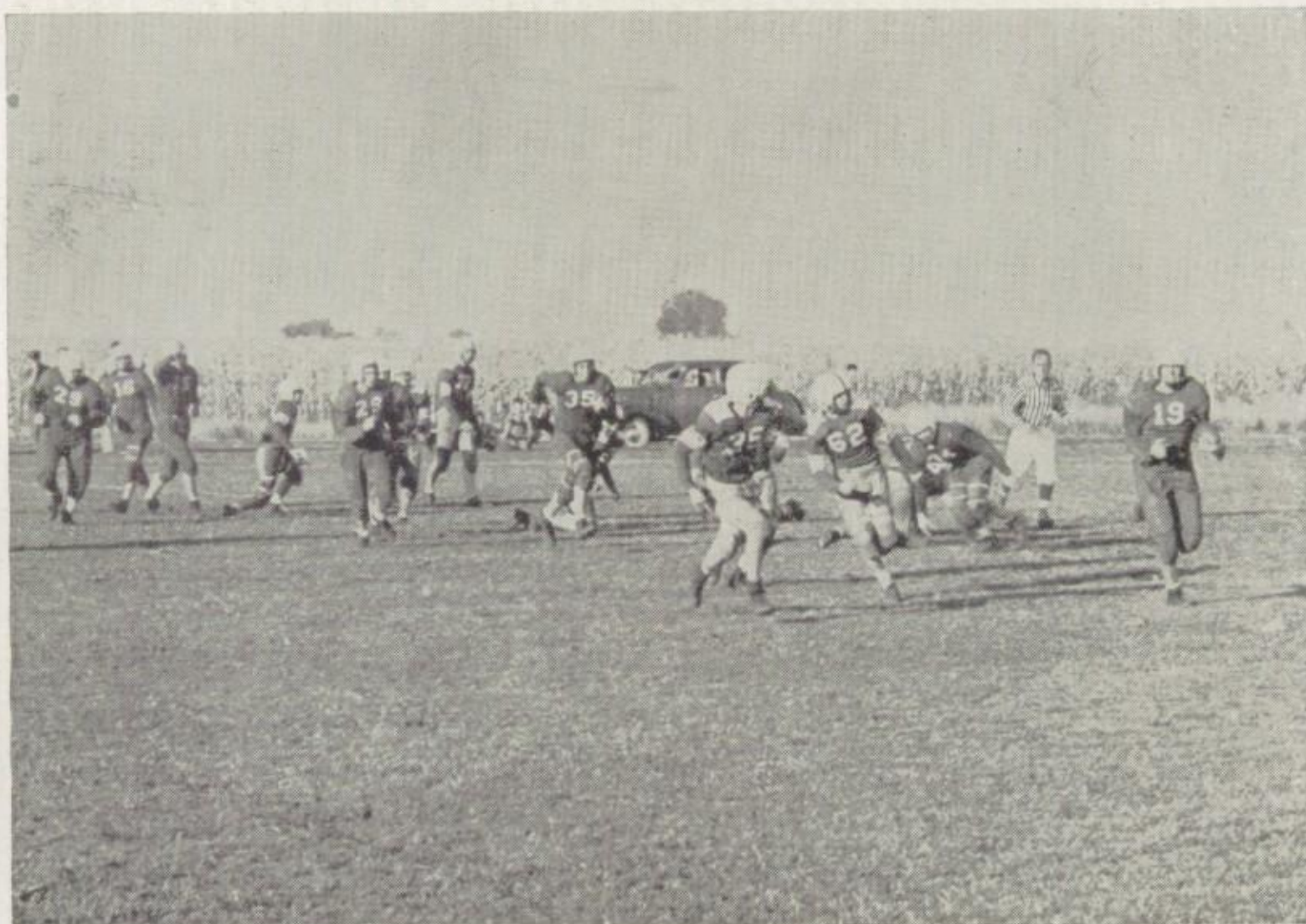
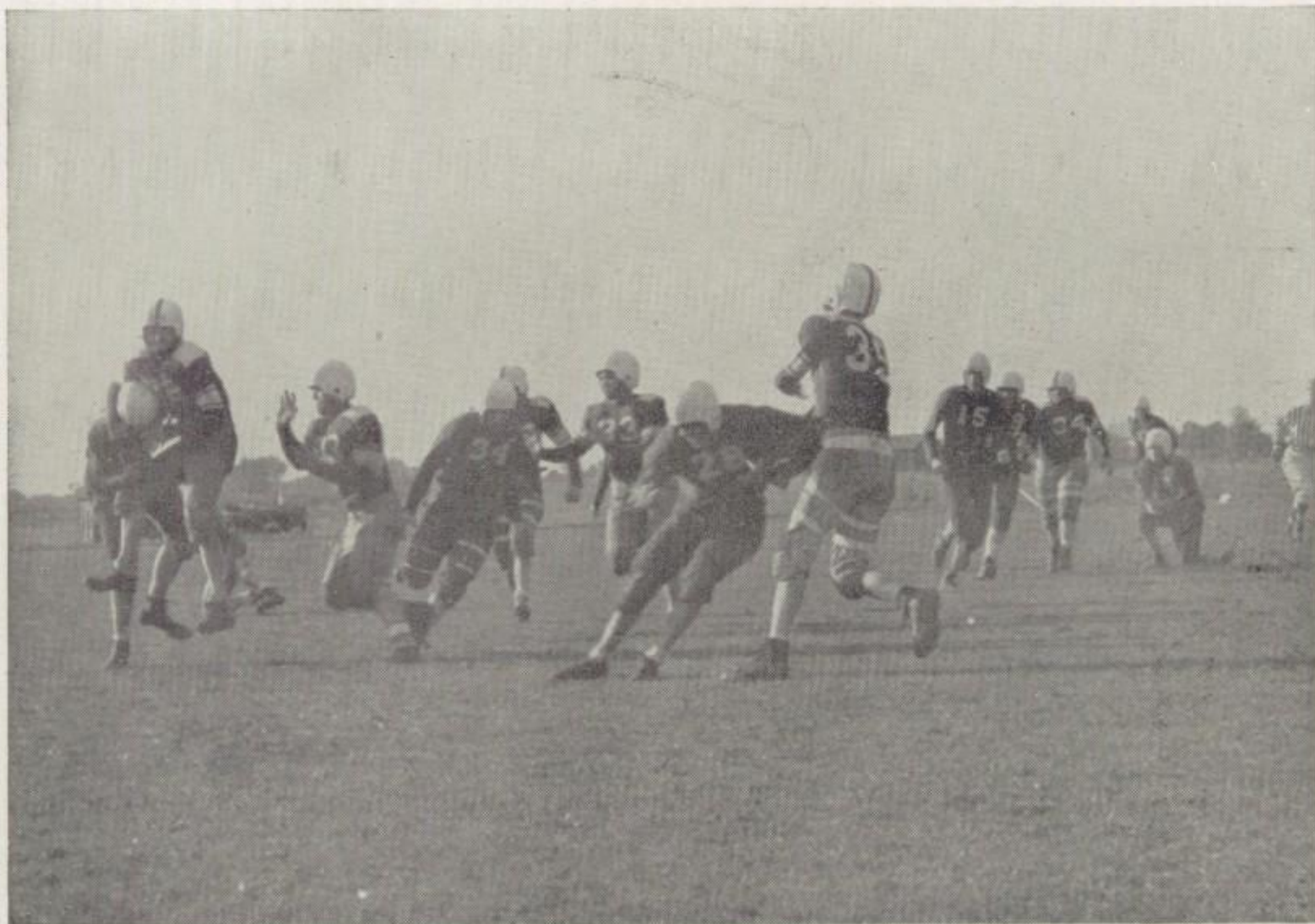
Bruce Seeber, captain of the 1949 MTHS football team, played end and back-field on the team for three years.

Captain Seeber was a good defensive man and also a shifty open-field runner. He was one of the best players on the team.

A play during his sophomore year in the Homecoming game with Washington is one that stands out in Bruce's memory. A Washington player was on his way to a touchdown with no Metamora men between him and the goal line, but Bruce managed to grab him by the neck of his jersey and bring him down. Metamora went on to win, 6-0.

Bruce was also very active and popular in many other school activities.

METAMORA VS. EUREKA



BASKETBALL SQUAD



Kneeling, left to right—James Zimmerman, Eugene Schlabach, Marvin Smith, Paul Schrock, Durward Guth.

Standing, left to right—Eugene Nauman, Harold Neumann, Eugene Schaefer, Bruce Seeber, James Wiltz, Coach Roy Larson.

BASKETBALL

The Redbirds enjoyed a successful season, compiling a record of 15 wins and 12 losses. Team spirit was good throughout the season. Most of the games lost were close, two being in overtimes.

The team participated in three tournaments during the year: The Illio played at Morton in which Metamora took second and Washington first; the Woodford county tournament at Metamora in which we again placed second, Benson taking county championship honors; the regional tournament at East Peoria in which the Redbirds lost a close game to Manual, who was rated in the upper sixteen teams in the state.

Graduating from this year's squad are Captain Marvin Smith, Bruce Seeber and Eugene Nauman. Returning lettermen are Harold Neumann, James Zimmerman and Paul Schrock, juniors, and James Wiltz, sophomore.

James Herron acted as manager for the basketball team. The team was ably coached by Roy Larson, who was in his second year here at Metamora.

There was improvement from last year in the team, and let us hope that next year's team will continue to progress and give MTHS another successful season.

CAPTAIN SMITH



Marvin Smith, captain of the 1949-50 MTHS basketball team, played guard on the varsity for three years.

Marvin's specialties were a two-hand set shot from out around the circle and a one-hand push shot from the side.

Captain Smith says that his greatest basketball thrill came during his sophomore year, when, in the last few seconds of the Gridley-Metamora game at Metamora, he made a free throw that won the game. The fact that this was the only game the team won that year is the factor that really made it Marvin's big moment in basketball.

His highest scoring game was 21 points, and during this season he scored a total of 177 points.

Marvin was also very active and popular in all other phases of school activities.

OTHER SQUAD MEMBERS

EUGENE
NAUMAN



BRUCE
SEEBER



JAMES
ZIMMERMAN



PAUL
SCHROCK

JAMES
WILTZ

BASKETBALL TEAMS



First row, left to right—James Herron, manager; James Steider, Willis Bachman, Loren Zimmerman, Kenneth Fauber, Raymond Brodt, Edward Kiesewetter, Robert Marchand.

Second row, left to right—John Rauh, manager; Paul Schrock, Milford Broers, Marvin Smith, James Seckler, Durward Guth, James Zimmerman.

Third row, left to right—Roy Larson, coach; Harold Neumann, Eugene Nauman, Eugene Schaefer, Bruce Seeber, James Wiltz, Eugene Schlabach, Walter Laitas, assistant coach.

The first team is made up of boys who have come up through the freshman-sophomore and the junior-varsity teams. Some of the more impressive members of these teams this year who will fill the vacancies left on the varsity by graduating seniors are Richard Mishler, James Seckler, Eugene Schlabach, Durward Guth and Eugene Schaefer. Others show promise that can be fulfilled by hard work.

The junior-varsity played four games this year against LaRose and Lowpoint. They won three and lost one. The reserve team, which played a game preceding each first team game had a successful season. The freshman-sophomore team won second place in the Washington Invitational freshman-sophomore tournament.

METAMORA VS. ROANOKE



COUNTY FINALS—METAMORA VS. BENSON



HOME GAMES

November 23—Metamora 57, Eureka 48.
December 2—Metamora 43, El Paso 33.
December 6—Metamora 38, Washington 37.
December 22—Metamora 38, Dunlap 35.
December 30—Metamora 44, Chillicothe 25.
January 6—Metamora 32, Roanoke 42.
January 20—Metamora 26, Washburn 29.

COUNTY TOURNAMENT

January 24-27—Metamora 35, El Paso 29.
Metamora 38, Minonk 36.
Metamora 38, Benson 41.
January 31—Metamora 54, Tremont 34.
February 14—Metamora 36, Minonk 66.
February 17—Metamora 66, Gridley 33.

AWAY GAMES

November 29—Metamora 26, Farmington 38.
December 9—Metamora 32, Benson 50.
December 13—Metamora 44, Gridley 26.

ILLIO TOURNAMENT

December 16-20—Metamora 38, Dunlap 33.
Metamora 45, Morton 32.
Metamora 37, Washington 48.
January 3—Metamora 32, Washburn 34 (overtime).
January 10—Metamora 57, Eureka 40.
January 13—Metamora 40, Minonk 42 (overtime).
January 17—Metamora 46, Morton 26.
February 3—Metamora 43, El Paso 42 (overtime).
February 7—Metamora 31, Washington 35.
February 10—Metamora 33, Roanoke 46.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

February 28—Metamora 38, Manual 47.

Fifteen wins, twelve losses.

CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK



First row, left to right—James Zimmerman, Harold Neumann, Phillip Fandel, Marvin Smith, Donald Fandel, Richard Dehority, Eugene Nauman, Dwight Harlow, Michael Jaworskyj, Richard Etter.

Back row, left to right—Kenneth Fauber, James Wiltz, Donald Zimmerman, Fred Fandel, Vernon Guth, Robert Chilcot, Bruce Seeber, Milton Wernsman, William Zimmerman, Eugene Schlabach, Coach Walter Laitas.

TRACK

The 1950 track team was proud to initiate its new uniforms by getting second place in a triangular meet with Roanoke and Morton. The first meet was held on the home track.

Harold Neumann, veteran track man, won two firsts in the long distance running. His victories were in the mile and the half-mile. Because it was a very cold and windy day, the dashmen did not do too much. The team did very well considering it was made up mostly of underclassmen who lack experience.

The next meet was also held at Metamora with Eureka. The visitors won 68 to 40. Many of our track meets were postponed because of bad weather.

The Woodford county meet was held at Metamora in May. Our team also went to the Gridley relays. Coach Walter Laitas was manager of the Illio conference track meet at the Peoria stadium in which the track team participated.

Last year's 1949 team took third in both the Illio and Woodford county meets. Kenneth Sharick took firsts in the 100 and 440-yard dashes. Charles Doak threw the discus for a first place and Gene Fehr took first in the half-mile in the Illio conference meet. These are a few of last year's high-point men.

The graduating trackmen of the 1950 season are Bruce Seeber, Eugene Nauman, Fred Fandel, Vernon Guth and Marvin Smith.

BASEBALL TEAM



First row, left to right—Willis Bachman, James Herron, James Zimmerman, James Seckler, Marvin Smith, Eugene Nauman, Jerry Broers, Eugene Schlabach, Milford Broers, Richard Dehority.

Back row, left to right—Russell Fandel, Richard Goldsmith, Donald Halford, Paul DuBois, Bruce Seeber, Durward Guth, Harold Neumann, Marvin Elbert, James Wiltz, Jack Gaetz, Coach Roy Larson.

BASEBALL

The Redbird baseball squad under Coach Roy Larson opened the season with six returning lettermen. They were Eugene Schlabach, hard-hitting first baseman; Milford Broers, second baseman; Durward Guth, pitcher; Jack Gaetz, sophomore catcher; Paul DuBois, third base, and James Zimmerman, outfielder.

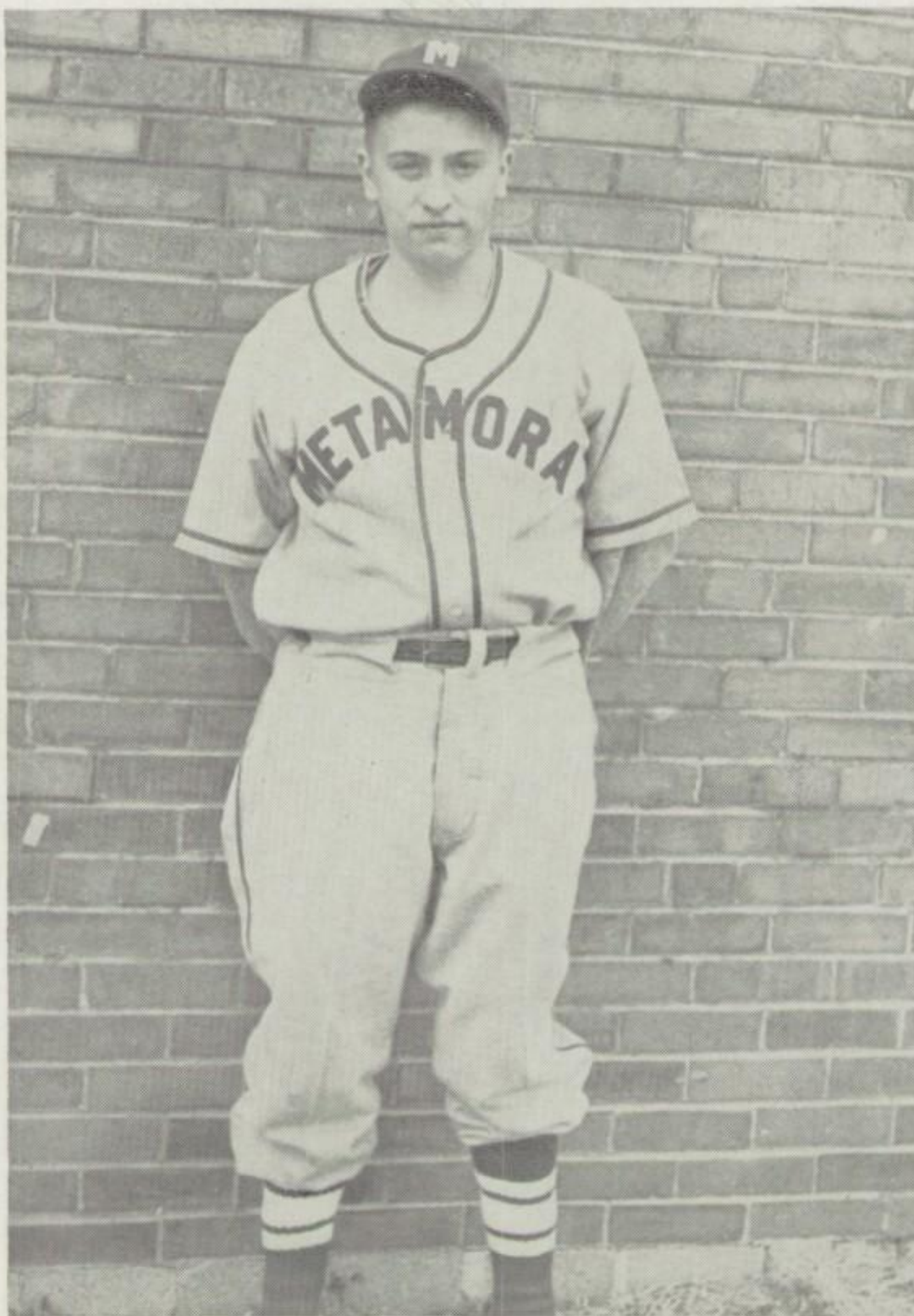
The team wore new uniforms donated by the school board. The team was hampered by a lack of experienced players. The squad was made up mostly of underclassmen—only four seniors on the team. Some of the more promising prospects were: Marvin Smith, pitcher and outfielder; Eugene Nauman, a transfer from Benson where he earned his letter in baseball, catcher and outfielder; Richard Dehority, infielder and pitcher; Harold Neumann, outfielder, and James Wiltz, pitcher. The first three games were cancelled because of poor weather.

The season opened at Eureka with Metamora taking a 3-2 loss despite Eugene Schlabach's home run. Seven Illio conference games were scheduled for this spring. Other games scheduled included games with Woodruff and the district tournament at Lowpoint.

The graduating lettermen from last year's team, which won six, lost eight and tied one, included Donald Jenkins, honorary captain and pitcher; Gene Fehr, pitcher and infielder, and Richard Zimmerman, outfielder.

This year's team, composed mostly of underclassmen should in a few years produce a good team.

CAPTAIN DU BOIS



PAUL DU BOIS

Paul DuBois, captain of the 1949-50 MTHS baseball team, has played third base on the team for two years.

Paul bats third in the line up, and he estimates that his batting average is "about .200."

Captain DuBois started his high school baseball career as a freshman by playing on the Metamora team in a Peoria area league sponsored by the Peoria Journal-Transcript. The team that year captured first in the league.

One of the incidents Paul remembers most about high school baseball was hitting a double against Morton with the bases loaded and thus scoring three runs.

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Henetta Hogdon "53"
Marylee Nye "51"
Pat "52"
Rachel Kamm "53"
Joyce Kamm "53"
Betty Schlipf "53"
Lance and "52"
Roger Brown "53"
Ada Ulrich "52"
Julie Engel "53"
Jim Wheeler "53"
Jack Steider "53"
June Joerges "52"
Kenneth "53"
Betty Zore "52"
Loren Zimmerman "53"
Alice Wernsman
Joanne Kelte
Danna Du Bois "53"
Barbara Greiner "51"
Wayne Rassi "53"
Marcella Greiner "53"
Sylvia Peumann "53"
Sylvia Gilliatt
Reg Schneider "53"
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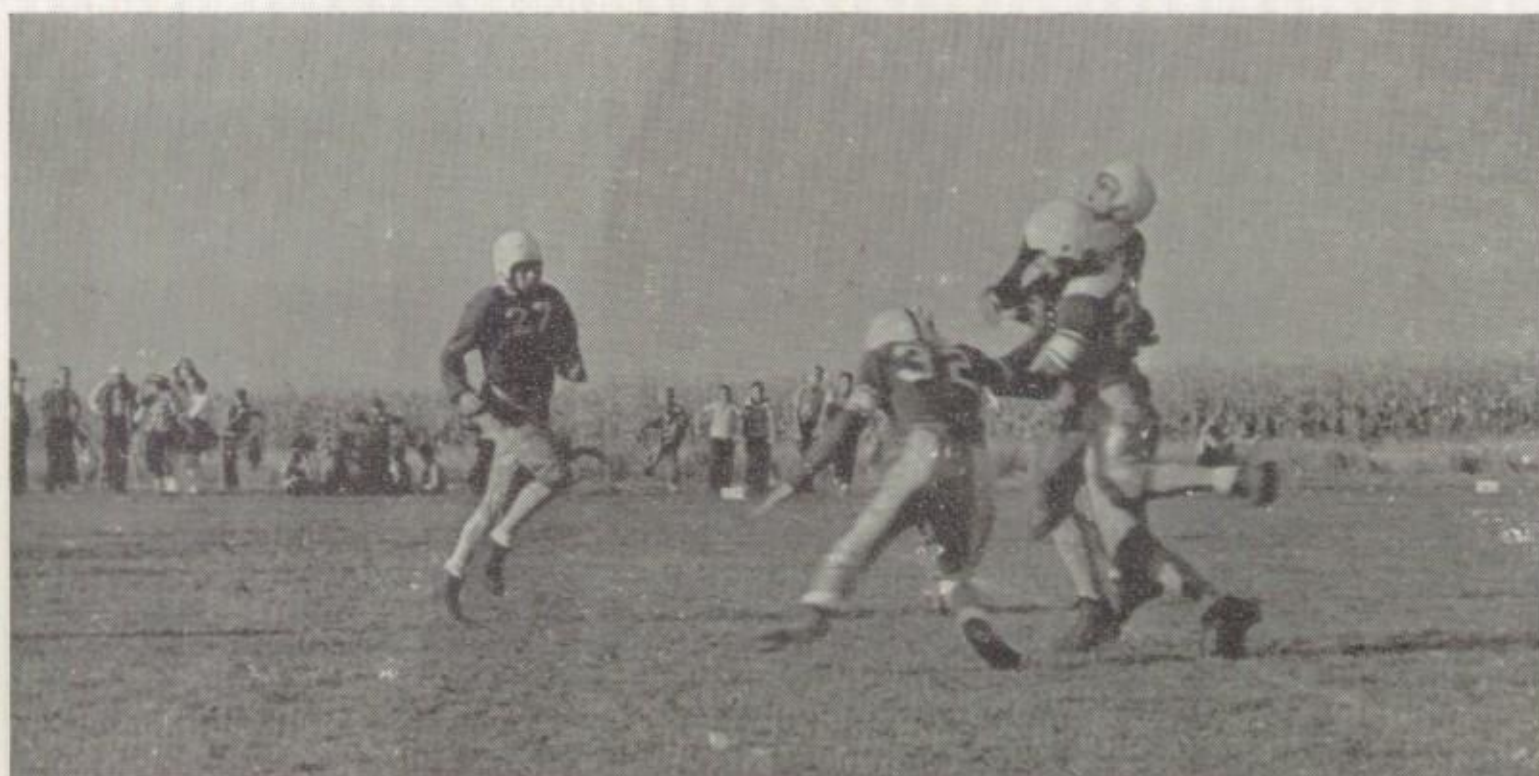


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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

MARILYN BACHMAN

FHA 1-2-3-4
GAA 1-2-3-4
Girls' chorus 1-2-3-4
A cappella 2-3-4
FHA president 3
Student council 4
Student council treasurer 4
Junior play
Operetta 4
Class vice president 2

NANCY COE

Girls' chorus 1
FHA 1
GAA 1-2-3
Senior play

ARNOLD DANZ

FFA 1-2-3
FFA speech contest 2
Science club 1

PAUL DU BOIS

Class president 1
Secretary-treasurer 4
Boys' chorus 2-3-4
A cappella 2-3-4
"M" club 4
Baseball 3-4
Baseball captain 4
Basketball 1-2-3
Junior play
Senior play

DORIS ELBERT

GAA 1-2-3-4
FHA 1-2-3-4
FHA vice president 3
A cappella 3-4
Girls' chorus 1-2-3-4
Junior play
Senior play
Class treasurer 1
Class secretary-treasurer 2
Class president 3
Parrot associate editor
Homecoming queen candidate 1
Homecoming queen 4
Library 4

FRED FANDEL

FFA 1-2-3-4
Cross country 2
Track 4

ELLEN FRIES

GAA 1-2-3
FHA 1-2
Girls' chorus 1

MURLENE GARBER

FHA 1-2-3-4
Girls' chorus 1-3-4
Yearbook editor 4
Senior play
Junior play
Student council 2
Mixed chorus 2
Library 1-2-3-4
FHA secretary 3

BERNADETTE GIEHL

GAA 1-2-3-4
GAA secretary 2
FHA 1-2-3-4
FHA treasurer 3
Girls' chorus 1-3-4
A cappella 3-4
Junior play
Senior play
Student council 3
Band 1-2-3-4

MARY GLAUB

Girls' chorus 1-2-3-4
Mixed chorus 2-3-4
GAA 1-2-3-4
GAA president 4
FHA 1-2-3-4
Junior play
Senior play
Homecoming queen candidate 4
Operetta 4

BETTY GRIES

GAA 1-2-3-4
FHA 1-2-3-4
Girls' chorus 1-3-4
A cappella 2-3-4
Junior play
Senior play
Parrot co-editor
Student council 4
Operetta 4
Band 1-2-3-4
Speech contest 1-2-3-4

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

VERNON GUTH

Football 2-3-4
Basketball 2-3
Track 2-3-4
"M" club 2-3-4
FFA 1-2
Student council 4

JEANETTE HAGERMAN

Girls' chorus 1-2-3-4
GAA 1-2-3-4
FHA 1-4
Mixed chorus 1-2-3-4

JAMES HERRON

Basketball manager 4
FFA 1-2-3-4
Baseball 3-4

RICHARD HOFFMAN

Boys' chorus 3
Football 1-2-3-4
Track 2
Basketball 2
Senior play—stage manager
Baseball manager 3
FFA 4
"M" club 1-2-3-4
"M" club vice president 4
Science club 3
Homecoming usher 1-4

BARBARA KIESEWETTER

Girls' chorus 1-2-3-4
FHA 1-2-3
GAA 2-3
Senior one-act play

KATHRYN LEATHERMAN

Girls' chorus 1-2-3-4
A cappella 2-3-4
GAA 2
FHA 1-2-3-4
FHA treasurer 4
Parrot business manager 4
Library 1-2
Junior play
Senior play

RUTH LEATHERMAN

Girls' chorus 1-2-3-4
FHA 1-2
GAA 3

EUGENE MARCHAND

Boys' chorus 2-3
Band 3
Basketball manager 1-2
Science club 3
Parrot 4

DOROTHY MARCHAND

FHA 2-3-4
Girls' chorus 2-3-4
Senior play

NANCY MC DERMOTT

Band 1-2-3-4
FHA 1-2-3-4
GAA 2-3-4
GAA treasurer 3
Girls' chorus 1-3-4
Junior play
Senior play
Parrot yearbook 4
A cappella 2

EUGENE NAUMAN

Benson High school 1-2-3
Metamora High school 4
Baseball 1-2-3-4
Basketball 1-2-3-4
Cross country 2-3
Track 1-2-3-4
Junior play
Senior play
Football 4
Class vice president 4
FFA 1-2-3-4
"M" club 4
Boys' chorus
Class officer 2-3

JOHN RAUH

Boys' chorus 1-3-4
A cappella 2-3-4
Junior play
Senior play
Basketball manager 4
Student council 3

SUE ROHMAN

GAA 1-2-3-4
FHA 1-2-3
Girls' chorus 1-2
Mixed chorus 1-2
Cheerleader 2-3-4
Homecoming queen 2
Junior play
Senior play
Parrot yearbook 4
Parrot 4

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

BURTRON SCHERTZ

Band 1-2-3-4
Boys' chorus 1-2-3-4
Mixed chorus 1-2-3-4
Science club 1-2-3-4
Parrot 4
Basketball manager 3
Class vice president 3
Speech contest 4
Junior play
Senior play
Operetta 4

ROLAND SCHNEIDER

FFA 1-2-3-4
"M" club 4
Football 4
Junior play
Senior play

BRUCE SEEGER

Track 3-4
Baseball
"M" club 1-2-3
Boys' chorus 3-4
Basketball 1-2-3-4
Football 2-3-4
Football manager 1
Football captain 4
Mixed chorus 3-4
Class president 4
Class secretary 3
Library 1-2-3
Senior play
Parrot yearbook 4
Homecoming queen usher 4
Senior one-act play

JANICE SULLIVAN

GAA 1-2-3-4
FHA 1-2-3-4
Girls' chorus 1-3-4
A cappella 2-3-4
Junior play
Senior play
Parrot editor 4
Operetta 4
Student council 1
Band 1-2-3-4
Parrot yearbook 4

MARVIN SMITH

Boys' chorus 2-3-4
Mixed chorus 3-4
Basketball 2-3-4
Basketball captain 4
Track 2-4
Football 4
Baseball 4
Junior play
Senior play
Parrot business manager 4
Parrot yearbook 4
Student council 3-4
Student council president 4
"M" club 2-3-4
"M" club president 4
Sophomore class president
Operetta
Cross country 3-4
Homecoming queen usher 2-4

DONNA TURNER

GAA 1-2-3-4
GAA treasurer 4
FHA 1
Parrot yearbook 4
Junior play
Senior play
Parrot 4
Homecoming queen candidate 4

ROBERT WAGNER

Boys' chorus 1-2-3-4
Mixed chorus 3-4
"M" club 1-2-3-4
"M" club secretary-treasurer 4
Track 2-3
Cross country 2-3-4
Cross country captain 4
Football 3
Baseball 3
Science club 2
Operetta 4

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